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LETTER DATED 14 DECEMBER 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF FINLAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to draw to your attention the statement on Somalia issued on 3 December 1999 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the Union.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement on Somalia issued on 3 December 1999 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the Union

The European Union welcomes the decision adopted by the 7th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) in Djibouti on 26 November to endorse and give full support to the initiative taken by its chairman, President Ismail Omar Guelleh of Djibouti, on the crisis in Somalia.

The Union is looking forward to examining the detailed proposals and the mechanism for their implementation that IGAD is going to produce in collaboration with the Standing Committee on Somalia. On this basis, European Union support will be considered in the light of the conclusions of the meeting of the Committee on Somalia of the IGAD Partners Forum held in Rome on 19 and 20 October 1999, and of its approach in favour of the establishment of regional governance structures based on participatory processes with the full involvement of civil society, which would provide a foundation for a future national government and for preserving the sovereignty and unity of Somalia.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus and Malta, and the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with the present declaration.